



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Masutsugu Tasaki		
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, the period for response to which is set to expire on April 14, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification (abstract) begin on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Specification".

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks/Arguments begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks/Arguments".